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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF WEEKEND PRESS

1. THESS WEEKEND PAPERS LARGELY DEVOTED TO
ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW DEMOCRACY CANDIDATES FOR
EACH DISTRICT AND CENTER UNION ELECTORAL PLATFORM.
FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF LOCAL ITEMS:

2. REACTION TO DISRUPTION OF UNIVERSITY ELECTIONS:
PRESS PROVIDES FURTHER DETAILS OF
SECOND ATTEMPT TO HOLD ELECTIONS AT THESS UNIV
WHICH AGAIN DISRUPTED BY STUDENTS OCTOBER 18
(THESS 0663). SIMILAR ATTEMPT AT ELECTIONS IN
SEPARATE THESS HIGHER INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL ALSO
PREVENTED BY STUDENTS. NEW DEVELOPMENTS
INCLUDE WITHDRAWAL BY TWO OF FOUR CANDIDATES
FOR RECTOR AND VICE-RECTOR AND REQUEST TO
MIN ED BY THESS UNIV FACULTY TO BE RELEASED
OF ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING
HOLDING OF ELECTIONS. PRESS ALSO REPORTS
PRESENCE HERE OCTOBER 18 OF MIN ED SPECIAL
ADVISOR KANELAKIS, APPARENTLY IN EFFORT TO
RESTRAIN STUDENTS. LOCAL REACTION TO DISORDERS
LARGELY CRITICAL. CHIEF ED KYROU IN "ELLINIKOS
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VORRAS" OF OCTOBER 19 DESCRIBES STUDENTS

RESPONSIBLE AS "TERRORISTS" AND "TOTALITARIANS".
LOCAL PASOK OFFICE AND LEFTIST STUDENT GROUP
RIGAS FEREOIS, ON OTHER HAND, SUPPORTS STUDENT
DEMANDS FOR PURGE OF FACULTY.

3. CAMPAIGN VISITS TO THESSALONIKI: ALL PAPERS
CARRY FINAL SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 26 SAINT
DEMETRIOS DAY CELEBRATION AND LOCAL PROGRAM
OF PM KARAMANLIS. LATTER PROVIDES MAXIMUM
EXPOSURE WITH DOXOLOGY, REVIEW OF MILITARY
PARADE, LUNCH AT "C" CORPS, AND EVENING RECEPTION
HOSTED BY THESS MAYOR. KARAMANLIS
ALSO SCHEDULED TO DELIVER POLITICAL SPEECH FOLLOWING DAY AT
ARISTOTELOUS SQUARE. AFTER SEVERAL CHANGES,
LOCAL POLITICAL SPEECHES BY PAPANDREOU AND
MAVROS, NOW FINALIZED FOR NOVEMBER 2 AND 3
RESPECTIVELY.

4. EDITORIAL ON CYPRUS AND POLYTECHNIC TRAGEDY:
"ELLINIKOS VORRAS" OF OCTOBER 20 CARRIES SHARP
FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL BY CHIEF ED KYROU DIRECTLY
LINKING POLYTECHNIC TO SUBSEQUENT
CYPRUS CRISIS. ACCORDING TO KYROU, PAPADOPOULOS
WOULD NOT APPROVE PLAN FOR MAKARIOS OUSTER AND
"UNHESITANT MURDERERS" THEREFORE "FABRICATED"
POLYTECHNIC EPISODE TO TOPPLE PAPADOPOULOS
AND CARRY OUT PLAN, WHICH WAS SUPPORTED AND DIRECTED BY
"FOREIGN PATRONS AND ALLEGED FRIENDS OF GREECE".

5. COVERAGE OF OCTOBER 20 PAPANDREOU SPEECH:
AFTERNOON "THESSALONIKI" OF OCTOBER 21,
(ONLY PAPER PUBLISHED HERE MONDAY)
GIVES MAJOR FRONTPAGE COVERAGE TO FULL
TEXT AND PHOTO OF ADDRESS PREVIOUS DAY AT
PATRAS BY ANDREAS PAPANDREOU. REPORT, CARRIED
UNDER HEADLINE, "THE BATTLE IS STARTED",
DESCRIBES PAPANDREOU' S PERFORMANCE AS
"SPECTACULAR". COVERAGE OVERSHADOWS REPORTS
ON ND CANDIDATES AND CU PLATFORM.
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